How to Read Your Residential Water Meter



To read a typical water meter, simply read across the numbers in the box. The current reading for the sample meter below is 0369200 gallons. Some meters have only six digits instead of seven, but they are read exactly the same way. The 0 on the far right is a fixed number and never changes. Each number on the round dial represents one gallon, so from 0 to 1 is one gallon, 1 to 2 is one gallon, etc. One complete turn of the read needle is 10 gallons.